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Chairman Schumer. The Rules Committee will come to order. The Committee is meeting today to consider an original resolution, the Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution, which will authorize expenditures by Senate Committees for 112th Congress.

27 I am pleased to report all the Committees reported funding for resolutions
28 within the guidelines. The total authorization for individual Committees is
29 \$242,710,872, down from \$256,702,618. So it has dropped over \$10 million.

30 Under the joint leadership letter of February 3 which restored special reserves to
31 their historic purpose, Committees are no longer guaranteed access to special reserves
32 on request.

33 Since we have a quorum, is there any further debate on the original resolution
34 authorizing expenditures by the Committee of the Senate for the 112th Congress?

35 **Senator Alexander.** Mr. Chairman, I move its adoption.

36 **Chairman Schumer.** Any objection?

37 [No response.]

38 **Chairman Schumer.** All those in favor say aye.

39 [A chorus of ayes.]

40 **Chairman Schumer.** Opposed nay.

41 [No response.]

42 **Chairman Schumer.** The ayes have it. Without objection, the original
43 resolution is ordered reported. Since there is no further business, first let me thank all
44 the members for their very, very conscientious service and on-time arrival, and the
45 hearing is now adjourned.

46 [Whereupon, at 10:12 a.m., the Executive Session adjourned.]